

commission to a person voting no with the exception of one, only one may vote saying do not fund this grant, and it was funded anyway because it was interpreted that the director had the sole authority to decide, and I argued it then that that's a ridiculous policy to have, and am trying to be consistent with that argument in that agency as well. If you're going to have a commission that in fact looks through and makes advisory statements of this is what we should do, this is what we should not do, you might as well say they can, and I think it's not that bad a policy, let them decide where the grant money is to go, because there will be representatives from all parts of the state, there will be representatives from various groups of the state, let them decide where it wants to go, and that way it frees the Governor from any pretext or any accusation that the fund may be used for political purposes. I don't think Governor Nelson would do that. I don't know if other governors would at well, would either. But I know that even if we don't intend to do it, the perception is always there. And if we're trying to make sure that the perception is correct, let's allow that commission to go ahead and decide where the funds should go, we'll leave the governors out of it, that commission will be set up, they will in fact decide where it will go. I agree, Senator Hall, the amendment as drafted is not drafted correctly. And just for the record, Senator Hall, the amendment does strike both of those sentences that you talked about. What it does not do is clarify that the commission then would have the authority to do so. That's the amendment that I currently drafted. And I think what I will then do is withdraw this amendment, redraft it so it says clearly what the intent was. I appreciate Senator Hall's comment. And at this point, Mr. Clerk, we'll withdraw that amendment and resubmit it in its new and improved form at a later time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens withdraws the amendment. This time Senator Bohlke would like to announce that there are 50 fourth graders here from Morton Elementary in Hastings, Nebraska with their teacher. Will you all stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Legislature. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Natural Resources reports LB 120 to General File with amendments; Judiciary reports LB 388, General File; LB 869, General File; LB 510, indefinitely postponed. Those reports signed by the respective chairs. Senator Lindsay would like to print amendments to LB 189. (See pages 1489-97 of